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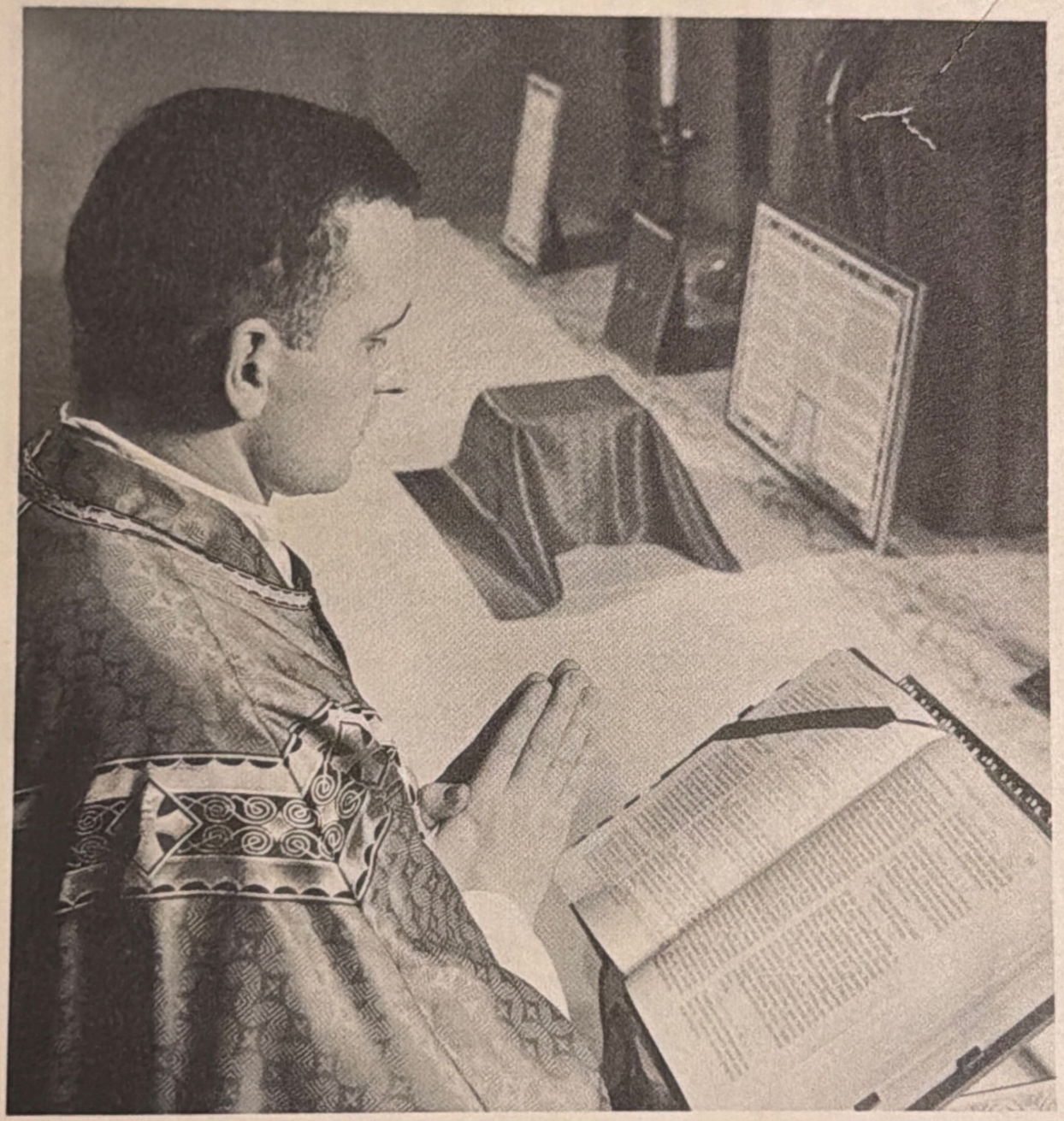
We stood up while the priest entered.

When the priest reaches the foot of the altar,
we kneel down and pray with him.
We tell God we are sorry we have been bad.
We ask God and the saints to help us to be good.



The priest stands at the altar.
He calls upon God to help us.
We offer ourselves to God because He made us.

We say with the priest:
"Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy."

The priest says, "The Lord be with you."
We answer, "And with you too."
Then the priest asks God for what we need.
We too ask God for these things.

Now the priest reads God's own words to us:
God wants us to love Him and obey Him.

The altar boy moves the book.
We get ready to stand up
to listen to today's Gospel.

The priest now reads the Gospel.
It tells us a story about what Jesus did.

This is the beginning of the first
very important part of the Mass.
The priest gives our bread to God.
This white host of bread is our gift to God
for we offer it to Him through the priest.

Now the priest offers wine and water to God.
This shows that we give ourselves to God.

The priest washes his fingers
as a sign that our hearts must be pure
Then the priest tells us to pray
so God will like our gifts.

Soon the most wonderful thing will happen!
The bell rings, and we kneel down to get ready.

But first we pray for all the people we know.
God is very close to us during Mass
and He listens to what we say.

Now Jesus Himself has come!
The priest lifts up the host.
In the Mass the host becomes the body of Jesus.
We pray to Jesus, saying, "My Lord and my God!"

And now the wine has been changed into Jesus
who shed His blood for us on the cross.
We look up and say, "My Jesus, mercy!"

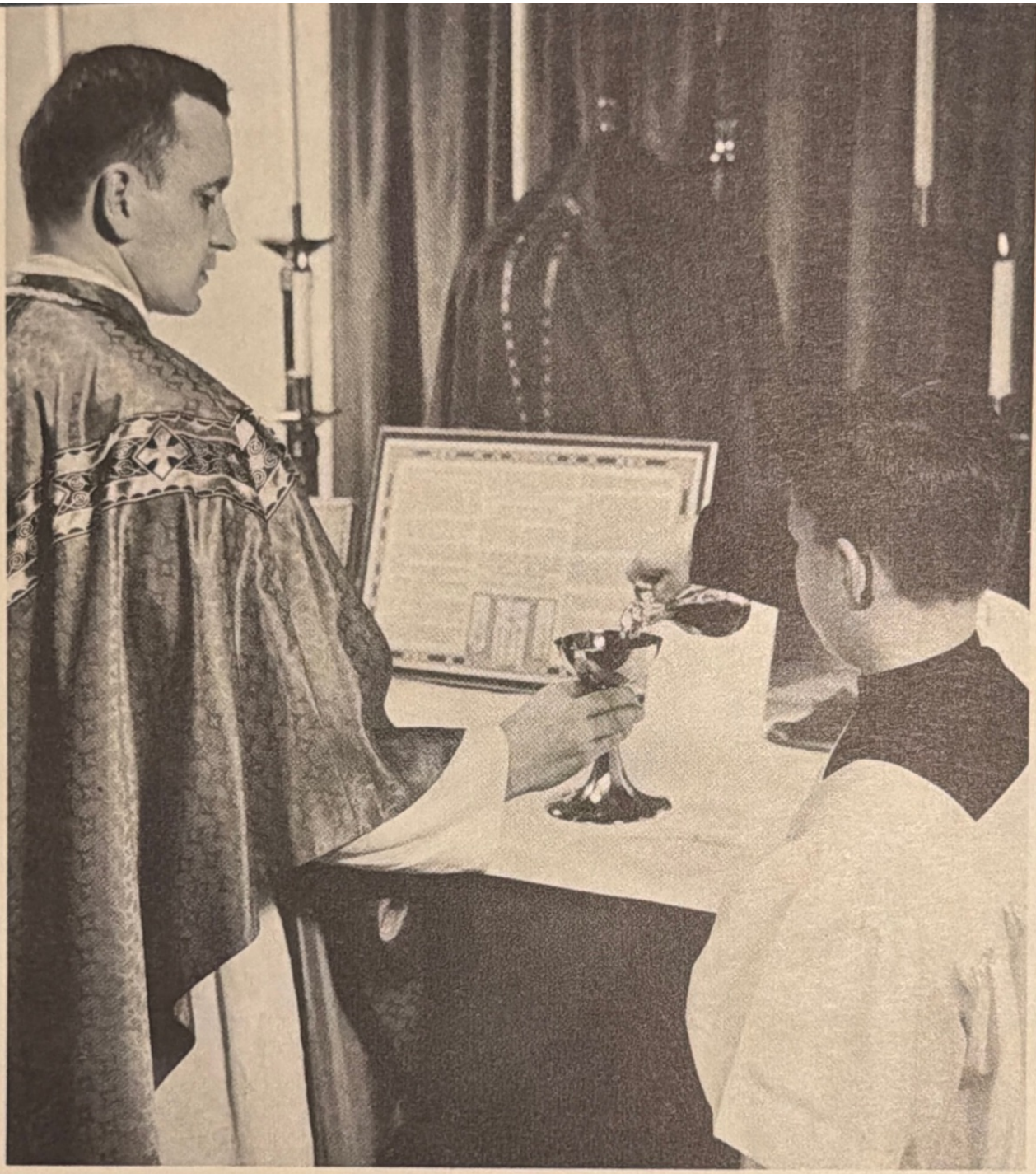
The priest prays for the people who are dead.
We also pray that all the people dear to us
will be with God forever.

Then the priest prays
the *Our Father* out loud in Latin.
We pray it quietly with him.

The priest breaks the host to show
what Jesus did at the Last Supper.
Now we ask God to keep us all safe from evil
and to give us peace.
Soon Jesus will give Himself to us.

The priest turns toward us.
It is Communion time for the people.
Some of us will now receive
the gift that Jesus gives to all the people.
His gift is Himself!

If we are old enough, now is the time
when Jesus comes into us.
If we are not old enough, we tell Jesus
how much we love Him.
And we ask Him to come to us soon.



Communion time is over.
The priest washes the chalice.
Then he covers it.
We thank Jesus for being so good to us.

The priest thanks God for His gift to us.
And he asks God
to keep us from doing anything bad.

Then the priest gives us God's blessing
before we go home.
We kneel and say, "Thank you."

Now we stand up.
The priest reads the Last Gospel.
The Last Gospel tells us how much God loves us.
He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus,
to live with us and stay within us always.